GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO-NEPAL BORDER TALKS
BODAKUNTI VENKATESHWARLU

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian and Nepalese authorities have held talks in the recent past for finalising survey work and identifying areas in the border to erect permanent boundary pillars; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

The two sides have finalised the field program for ground verification for demarcation of the India-Nepal boundary for the forthcoming field season which concludes in May 2002. Work has commenced from the north-eastern extremity in the Sikkim sector and is currently in progress. This programme has been drawn in accordance with the earlier decisions of the JTC with a view to complete the final preparation of Boundary Strip Maps by 2003. This deadline was also endorsed at the level of the Prime Ministers during the visit of the then Nepalese Prime Minister G.P.Koirala to India in July-August, 2000.